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: NOVEL DIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE IV INHIBITORS USED FOR FUNCTIONALLY INFLUENCING DIFFERENT CELLS AND TREATING IMMUNOLOGICAL, INFLAMMATORY, NEURONAL, AND OTHER DISEASES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 23, 2009, Applicants herewith request that the examination of the present application be continued. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith together with the payment of the required fee. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set in the Office Action to expire on October 23, 2009, this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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